(b) if so, whether Government have now taken any decision to allow CBI to investigate cases in that State; and

(c) whether Government propose to defer referring of the cases in that State to the CBI, till the popular Government is installed there since it is a policy decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) On 12th February, 1981 the Government of Karnataka accorded consent under section 6 of Delhi Special Police Establishment Act for investigation of offences under 28 Acts, including the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1947. On 23rd May, 1989 Government of Karnataka has accorded consent for investigation of offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

Branch of Kendriya Bhandar in Aram Bagh

1533. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that no branch of Kendriya Bhandar has been opened so far in the Aram Bagh Government Colony, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Accommodation is yet to be allotted for this purpose.

(c) It will be opened as and when accommodation is made available by the Directorate of Estates.

Indentity of holders of Swiss Bank accounts regarding Boffors deal pay-offs

1554. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have requested the Swiss Government to act under clause 7 of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed between India and Switzerland, to find out identities of the holders of the Swiss Bank accounts, into which the pay-offs in regard to Bofors-Howitzer gun deal had been deposited;

(b) if so, when this request was made;

(c) what has been the response from the Swiss Government thereto; and

(d) what further action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 23rd February, 1989.

(c) The request was declined by Swiss authorities.

(d) It has been decided to continue the investigation.

जबलपुर, मध्य प्रदेश में रक्षा कर्मचारियों के लिए अस्पताल

1555. **श्रीमती रत्न कुमारी :** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या जबलपुर (मध्य प्रदेश) में रक्षा संस्थानों के कर्मचारियों के लिए अस्पताल के निर्माण का कोई प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में रक्षा उत्पादन और पूर्ति विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री डी० एल० बैठा) : (क) और (ख) जबलपुर में 590 बिस्तर वाला एक बड़ा सैनिक अस्पताल है और जबलपुर के नजदीक स्थित आयुध निर्माणी, गन कैरिज निर्माणी और वाहन निर्माणी के कर्मचारियों के लिए अलग-अलग अस्पताल हैं। जबलपुर स्थित रक्षा स्थापनाओं के कर्मचारियों के लिए अस्पताल खोलने का कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

People below poverty line in urban and rural areas

1556. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) when the data on Household Consumer Expenditure were collected and submitted through 42nd and 43rd rounds of National Sample Survey for the year 1986-87 and 1987-88 and as a result of its processing, what are the percentages of the people living below poverty line in rural and urban areas;

(b) what are these percentages as per the survey of 1983-84 and how do they compare with those of 1986-87 and 1987-88;

(c) what suggestion was used to determine the definition of poverty line at the time of Sixth Five Year Plan and how does it differ from the earlier definition(s); and

(d) the consequences of this difference, in estimating the number of persons below poverty line?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The data on Household Consumer Expenditure for the 42nd round was collected for the period July, 1986 to June, 1987. The data for the 43rd round was collected for the period July, 1987 to June, 1988. The draft report on results of 42nd round was prepared in December, 1988. The data for 43rd round are being processed.

In 1983-84, the percentages of people living below poverty line in rural and urban areas were 40.4 and 28.1 respectively. The estimates of poverty based on 42nd round have not been finalised.

(c) and (d) The Task Force on Minimum Needs and Effective Consumption Demand constituted by the Planning Commission (1979) defined the poverty line as the per capita monthly expenditure of Rs. 49.09 in rural areas and Rs. 56.64 in urban areas at 1973-74 prices corresponding to the per capita daily calorie requirements of 2400 in the rural areas and 2100 in urban areas. The same concept of poverty line was used for estimating poverty in 1972-73, 1977-78 and 1983-84.

Telephone connections and Exchanges in Uttar Pradesh

1557. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of telephone exchanges in Uttar Pradesh as on 31st March, 1989;

(b) the total number of electronics exchanges in the State during the same period;

(c) the total number of telephone connections in the State during the same period, district-wise; and

(d) the total number of applications in the waiting list in the State, during the same period, category-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) Total number of telephone exchanges in U.P. as on 31st March 1989 were 1149, of which 47 were electronic exchanges.

(c) and (d) Information is furnished in the annexure [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 101].